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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remain-

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3697

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 3697.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3359

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 3359.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on H. Res. 591, roll call vote 119. I was detained on official business, and I would like to indicate that I would have voted "no" on H. Res. 591, the rule to H.R. 5.

# PROTECTING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE ACT

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the legislation and to insert extraneous material on

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 591 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 5.

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#### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, with Mr. WESTMORELAND in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in House Resolution 591 and shall not exceed 6 hours equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON).

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

I rise today in support of the PATH Act, which addresses two of the most glaring deficiencies in the President's overhaul of the health care system.

By what it does and also by what it fails to do, the health care law threatens access to quality health care for literally millions of Americans.

Section 3403 of the Affordable Care Act established the Independent Payment Advisory Board, or IPAB. A panel of 15 unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats will be given the power to make major decisions regarding what goods and services are valuable. These decisions will then be fast-tracked, essentially bypassing the legislative process, with almost no opportunity for discussion or review. The PATH Act prevents this by repealing IPAB.

I suspect that most Americans still believe that patients and their doctors should have a voice and should be able to decide what health care services that they find valuable. I think that they still believe that major policy decisions affecting the Medicare program and the health care system in general need to go through the regular legislative process and be subject to the normal system of checks and balances according to the Constitution.

It is encouraging that the cosponsors of legislation to repeal IPAB include 20 Democrats and that the bill was favorably reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee earlier this month without any recorded opposition—a voice vote.

I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support repealing IPAB and not to block its passage at the expense of our seniors in a blind effort to defend the President's signature legislation.

The legislation today also includes reforms that will actually lower the